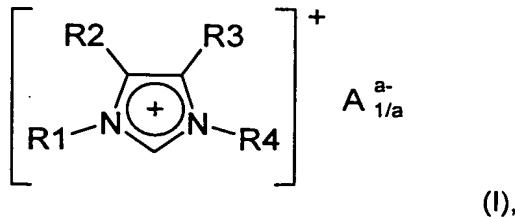


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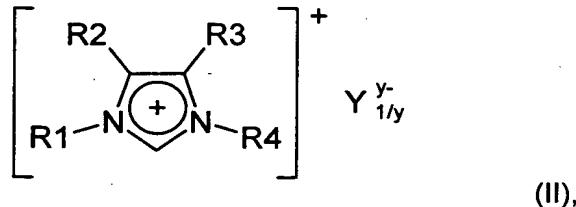
Abstract

5 Process for preparing purified 1,3-substituted imidazolium salts of the formula (I)



by reacting a 1,3-substituted imidazolium salt of the formula (II),

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with a strong base at from 20 to 250°C while distilling off the 1,3-substituted imidazol-2-ylidene formed, in which the 1,3-substituted imidazol-2-ylidene which has been
 15 distilled off is brought into contact in the gaseous state with the protic acid H_aA (III) and/or the 1,3-substituted imidazol-2-ylidene which has been distilled off is passed in the gaseous or condensed state into a receiver comprising the protic acid H_aA (III).